

CLASS TITLE: PUBLIC HEALTH PHYSICIAN

Class Code: 02944000
Pay Grade: 43A
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CLASS DEFINITION:

GENERAL STATEMENT OF DUTIES: Within the Department of Health, to be responsible for the administration of a statewide public health program; and to do related work as required.

SUPERVISION RECEIVED: Works under the direction of a supervisor with latitude for the exercise of independent judgement in discharge of duties and responsibilities; work is reviewed for the application of accepted professional principles, methods and techniques and for conformance to law, rules and regulations.

SUPERVISION EXERCISED: Plans, organizes, reviews and evaluates the work of professional, technical, clerical and other personnel.

ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLES OF WORK PERFORMED:

To be responsible for the administration of a statewide public health program in the areas of communicable diseases, chronic diseases, environmental health, personal health or other health programs as designated by the Director of Health.

To review periodically the various activities of the program and to evaluate their efficiency and their impact on the decrease, control and prevention of such diseases and to take necessary action to improve them.

To be responsible for devising methods of measurement for diseases and their epidemic threat.

To employ survey methods to ascertain protection levels within population areas of the state and to analyze and interpret survey findings and to consult with a superior thereon.

To appraise morbidity and mortality reports concerning such diseases reported by physicians, hospitals, institutions and by state, national and foreign health agencies or departments.

To provide consultation services to the medical profession and public health officials.

To establish and promote clinics for immunization, diagnosis, advice and treatment and to conduct geographic medical clinics for travelers to foreign countries.

To recommend amendments or revisions of existing laws and regulations; to recommend new laws and regulations relating to disease control activities when needed in order for the overall program to meet scientific and technical advances in the diagnosis and treatment of diseases.

To participate in the department's information service with special responsibility for providing information and professional advice on epidemiology.

To write and edit reports for use by officials, physicians, local health officers, school officials and boards, nurses, news media and for health agencies in other states.

To coordinate the program activities with others within the Department of Health in order to improve the health of the citizens of the state.

To do related work as required.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS FOR APPOINTMENT:

KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS AND CAPACITIES: A thorough knowledge of the medical science and skill in its application; a thorough knowledge of and skill in the application of approved principles, methods, techniques, and practices applied in the control of communicable and other categorical diseases; the ability to assemble, analyze and interpret data and prepare reports; a thorough knowledge of epidemiology, immunology, and environmental sanitation as applied to communicable disease control; the

ability plan and develop a statewide health program relating to communicable diseases, including venereal diseases, and other categorical diseases to which epidemiological principles can be effectively applied; the ability to plan, organize, review, and evaluate the effectiveness of the divisional program and the work of medical, professional, nonprofessional, clerical and other personnel; the ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with superiors and associates, the community, and public and private agencies; the ability to address professional and other groups on communicable disease control; and related capacities and abilities.

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE:

Education: Such as may have been gained through: graduation from medical school of recognized standing and possession of a Master's Degree in Public Health; and

Experience: Such as may have been gained through: considerable employment in a responsible supervisory position in Public Health Administration, particularly in one of the following areas: Epidemiology, Chronic Diseases, Communicable Diseases, Environmental Health or related field in a municipal, state, county, or national public health agency or department.

Or, any combination of education and experience that shall be substantially equivalent to the above education and experience.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENT: At the time of appointment must meet established requirements of the Rhode Island Department of Health to practice medicine in Rhode Island and must maintain such requirements as a condition of employment.

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